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The Harvard Business School and the Newcomen Society of the United States announce a postdoctoral fellowship in business history to support twelve months of residence and research at the Harvard Business School for the academic year 1996–97. The stipend is \$44,000.

The purpose of this award is to enable scholars who have received the Ph.D. in history, economics, or a related discipline within the past ten years to improve their professional acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase their skills as they relate to this field, and to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of the Harvard Business School and the Boston scholarly community. The successful applicant will participate in the school's business history course, seminar, and case development activities. Those interested should request an application from Professor Thomas K. McCraw, Morgan 297, Harvard Business School, Boston, MA 02163. Completed applications for the 1996–97 Newcomen Fellowship must be received no later than 1 November 1995.

Harvard University announces the Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Traveling Fellowships in Business History and Institutional Economic History. The grants will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, with the funds awarded each year totaling approximately \$15,000. The purpose of the fellowships is to facilitate library and archival research in business history or in institutional economic history, broadly defined. Topics such as labor relations and government regulation would also be considered for awards, if the approach is primarily institutional. The intent of the awards is to encourage the kind of research exemplified by the published work of Alfred D. Chandler, Jr.

Three categories of applicants will be eligible for grants:

- Harvard University graduate students in history, economics, business administration, or a related discipline such as sociology, government, or law, whose research requires travel to distant archives or repositories;
- Graduate students or nontenured faculty in those fields from other North American universities, whose research requires travel to the Boston-Cambridge area (to study, for example, in the collections of the Baker, Widener, McKay, Law, Kress, or Houghton libraries);
- Harvard College undergraduates writing senior theses in these fields, whose research requires similar travel.

The fellowships will be administered by a committee of three faculty members from Harvard's Business School and History and Economics departments. The deadline for receipt of applications is 1 December 1995, and recipients may use their awards at any time during calendar 1996.

Requests for applications should be sent to the committee chair, Professor Thomas K. McCraw, Morgan 297, Harvard Business School, Boston, MA 02163.

The Social Science History Association will hold its annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on 16–19 November 1995 at the Palmer House Hotel. For additional information, please contact one of the program co-chairs: Alice Bee Kasakoff, Department of Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; telephone: 803-777-6500; e-mail: N050078@univscvm.scarolina.edu, or Andrejs Plakans, Department of History, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011; telephone: 515-294-6686; e-mail: s.l.axp@isumvs.iastate.edu.

The Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society at the Hagley Museum and Library announces a call for papers for a conference entitled "Aftermath: The Transition from War to Peace in America, 1943–1949," to be held on 27–28 October 1995. Papers should discuss the impact of the Second World War on postwar America, focusing particularly on important but unexplored transitions in American culture, economy, and society. The scope of the conference does not include foreign relations. An honorarium and travel support may be available to presenters.

Please send a one-page abstract and a c.v. by 21 April 1995 to Roger Horowitz, associate director, Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society, Hagley Museum and Library, P.O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807; fax: 302-658-0568. Questions may be directed via e-mail to rh@strauss.udel.edu or by telephone at 302-658-2401.

The editors of the British journal *Business History* announce that the winner of the 1994 Cass Prize for the best article published in the journal is Oliver Westall, for his article on "Marketing Strategy and the Competitive Structure of British General Insurance, 1720–1980," which appeared in the April issue.

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Internet Signposts for Business Historians

The Department of History at the University of Rochester is operating a site on the World Wide Web at URL

<http://www.history.rochester.edu>

In addition to information about Rochester and western New York, the site has at least two items of specific interest. The manager of the site, Morris A. Pierce of the History Department, has placed a home page for the Hagley Museum and Library on his server; in addition, he is putting up

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nineteenth-century issues of the *Scientific American* prepared by Roger Corrie; two issues are available so far. The direct Hagley address is

<http://www.history.rochester.edu/hagley/hagley.htm>

The *Scientific American* is reachable directly at:

<http://www.history.rochester.edu/saonline/saonline.htm>

An extremely interesting World Wide Web site that has much to demonstrate about the way electronic media may be used for teaching and research is the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities (IATH) at the University of Virginia. There is a great deal of fascinating information and many examples of creative use of the Web, but perhaps most interesting to business historians are two projects: Edward Ayers's material on the Great Valley in the Civil War, and Michael Gorman's on the development of the telephone. The Civil War materials include a searchable database of a relevant portion of the manuscript census and display the use of diaries, maps, illustrations, tax records, and other sources to tell a fascinating story. The telephone materials use the graphics capability of the WWW to illustrate "Alexander Graham Bell's Path to the Telephone." The URL for the IATH is

<http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu>

The direct link for the Civil War project is:

<http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/vshadow/vshadow.html>

and for the telephone material:

<http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/albell/introduction.html>

H-Business will sponsor an on-line forum to discuss Colin Gordon's *New Deals: Business, Labor, and Politics in America, 1920–1935*, described by its publisher as "the first major reinterpretation of the New Deal in thirty years." Subscribers from two other H-Net lists, H-Pol and H-Labor, will be invited to join in, and Colin Gordon will take part in the discussions. The forum, which will run from 24 April to 6 May 1995, will be moderated by Austin Kerr and Jeremy Atack. For information about subscribing to H-Business, please see the Summer 1994 *Business History Review* or send the message <info H-Business> to lists@cs.muohio.edu.

The Rockefeller Archives Center in Tarrytown, New York, is pleased to announce the availability of a WWW server containing information about core collections, other archival and manuscript collections, the grant-in-aid program, and conferences and publications. The server can be reached via the URL:

http://www.rockefeller.edu/arc_cent/arc_cent.html

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The center anticipates making available finding aids and subject guides to the holdings and will update the materials regularly. For additional information, please contact Valerie Komor, archivist, at komor@rockvax.rockefeller.edu.